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In re the application of:

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Examiner: Quan Tra

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Confirmation No. 6823

AMENDMENT AFTER FINALHon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final office action of May 31, 2002, please consider the remarks as follows:

Remarks

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The present submission is made in response to the Final Rejection, dated May 31, 2002, and identified as Paper No. 8. In a phone conference on June 26, 2002, between Examiner Tra and Attorney McGuire, for which Applicant thanks the examiner, it was explained that the §102(e) reference cited by and relied upon by the Examiner in making this final rejection could be overcome with a §131 Declaration.

Submitted herewith is the Declaration of Randolph Bullock establishing with the support of laboratory notebook entries and internal memoranda, that the present invention was conceived prior to the effective §102(e) date of the Kinoshita patent (6,150,800), and subsequently and diligently reduced to practice (conceptually filing of the present application, and actually by building and testing of actual device). The dates on the entries have been redacted for confidentiality reasons (as permitted by MPEP §715.07). Applicant hereby contends that the evidentiary showing established with the Bullock Declaration and supporting exhibits are sufficient to eliminate the Kinoshita patent